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BULGANIN-KHRUSHCHEV TRIP

- I. Bulganin and Khrushchev will leave India about 1 December for one week stay in Burma; then to Afghanistan for several days.
 - A. Reports of a subsequent stop at Cairo still unconfirmed.
 - B. They are accompanied by high level staff especially qualified to discuss political, trade and cultural relations with South Asians.
 - C. Delegation includes:
 - N. A. Mikhailov - Minister of Culture
 - A. A. Gromyko - First Deputy Foreign Minister
 - P. M. Kумыkin - Deputy Foreign Trade Minister
 - I. A. Serov - Head of the Committee of State Security (KGB)

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D. R. Rasulov - Deputy Minister
Agriculture (native of
Tadzik Republic)

Mme. Z. R. Rakhimbabayeva - First
Deputy Minister of Culture
of the Uzbek Republic

1. There are Uzbek and Tadzhik
minorities in Afghanistan.

These are only the top members of the
delegation. Press has reported the
entire group numbers about 100.

- II. Bulganin and Khrushchev are visiting major
cities of India (Bombay, Calcutta, Madras)
and other show places.

- A. A good chance they will also visit
Bhilai, apparently in anticipation of
India's early acceptance of Soviet
steel mill offer.

1. Soviet survey teams already on
scene, and housing construction
activity has been reported
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III. King (ud is to be in India while Soviet leaders are there.

IV. Soviets more interested in good relations with India than with any other country in area.

V. Soviet leaders undoubtedly have arrived with rash of offers for all three countries especially economic and technical assistance. Bulganin has already publicly offered Soviet aid in developing Indian industry and atomic energy for peaceful uses.

VI. It is expected that the three states will be more susceptible to Soviet offers than previously because of particularly acute economic problems they face at present.

A. Also the lack of Soviet attempts to attach political strings to economic assistance has convinced many Asians that they can do business with the Soviet Union without succumbing to Communist ideologies.

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VII. In any event, visit of Soviet leaders will enhance Soviet influence in area.

A. Visit will lend cloak of respectability to communist policies and local Communist parties and open way for even further contacts between these countries and Soviet bloc.